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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: Gary L. Shanklin |) | |
| Serial No. 09/753,134 |) | |
| Filing Date: December 29, 2000 |) | Examiner Lynda Salvatore |
| For ANTIMICROBIAL ABSORBENT |) | Group Art Unit No. 1771 |
| ARTICLE, AND METHODS OF |) | |
| MAKING AND USING THE SAME |) | |

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 20, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following remarks, as set forth below. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.